

RESOLUTION NO. 7757

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION FROM THE CITY OF  
RENO TO IBM FOR THE SMARTER CITIES CHALLENGE GRANT  
PROGRAM.**

**WHEREAS**, IBM has pledged to provide its expertise to 100 cities worldwide through its competitive Smarter Cities Challenge Program, and

**WHEREAS**, through its Smarter Cities Challenge Program, IBM makes advanced information technology, analytics and systems-thinking resources available to select cities to address some of the critical challenges those cities face by contributing the time of its top experts from different business units and geographies, valued at an estimated \$400,000, through deploying a team on the ground for three weeks to work closely with city leaders, and

**WHEREAS**, at the conclusion on the process, IBM delivers recommendations to participating cities on how to make those cities smarter and more effective, and

**WHEREAS**, the Reno City Council has approved economic development and job creation as priorities of the City of Reno for FY 2012-2013, and

**WHEREAS**, the Reno City Council is supportive of cooperating with other governmental and private agencies, including local jurisdictions, the Nevada System of Higher Education, the Governor's Office of Economic Development, and the Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada, to achieve these priorities, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Reno, Nevada, desires analytic assistance through the Smarter Cities Challenge Program to develop a plan for the City, the University of Nevada, Reno, and the Desert Research Institute to effectively coordinate economic development opportunities, especially through the implementation of technology commercialization, and thereby stimulate job creation in the City of Reno and the surrounding region.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Reno, Nevada, supports submitting an application to IBM for the Smarter Cities Challenge Grant program.

Upon motion by Council Member Zadra, seconded by Council Member Hascheff, the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012, by the following vote:

AYES: Zadra, Hascheff, Gustin, Sferrazza, Dortch, Aiazzi

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cashell

APPROVED this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012.

ATTEST:

*for* Beverly Brady-Tenadom  
LYNNETTE R. JONES, City Clerk **DEPUTY**



ROBERT A. CASHELL, SR., Mayor